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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO.: New U.S. Application

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FOR: THE USE OF CROSSLINKED

NITROGENOUS COMPOUNDS WHICH ARE SOLUBLE OR DISPERSIBLE IN

WATER IN DETERGENTS AND CLEANERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-7.

Please amend the following claims as indicated (all pending claims are reproduced for the Examiner's convenience):

--8. (Amended) A water-soluble crosslinked product obtainable by crosslinking amines of the formula (II)

 $(R^{1}R^{1})N-X-N(R^{1}R^{1})$

(II)

where the radicals R^1 are $(R^2R^2)N$ - $(CH_2)_n$ radicals,